

REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl P. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration; and Michael A. Khouri, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Patients from Surprise Medical Bills”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter and Rogers of Washington; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020, 9 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine legislation to address the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine the reconciliation process in Afghanistan, 10:15 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, S. 249, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer

status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, S. 1025, to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis, to address Venezuela's economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, S. 1340, to authorize activities to combat the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.R. 31, to require certain additional actions in connection with the national emergency with respect to Syria, S. Res. 74, marking the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity by honoring the bravery, determination, and sacrifice of the people of Ukraine during and since the Revolution, and condemning continued Russian aggression against Ukraine, S. Res. 81, calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, S. Res. 135, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II, S. Res. 184, condemning the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka, offering sincere condolences to the victims, to their families and friends, and to the people and nation of Sri Lanka, and expressing solidarity and support for Sri Lanka, S. Res. 188, encouraging a swift transfer of power by the military to a civilian-led political authority in the Republic of the Sudan, the nominations of Jeffrey L. Eberhardt, of Wisconsin, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, all of Department of State, a routine list in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 1:45 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, with the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael S. Bogren, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jason K. Pulliam, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

Affairs, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings to examine S. 123, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, S. 221, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, S. 318, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans, S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, S. 514, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, S. 524, to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, S. 711, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, S. 746, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities, S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 805, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, S. 857, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, S. 980, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, S. 1101, to ensure that only licensed health care providers furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 1154, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an advisory committee on the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of an electronic health record, an original bill entitled, "Janey Ensminger Act of 2019", and an

original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue to pay educational assistance or subsistence allowances to eligible persons when educational institutions are temporarily closed, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine aging and disability in the 21st century, focusing on how technology can help maintain health and quality of life, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Key Design Components and Considerations for Establishing a Single-Payer Health Care System", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled "Engines of Economic Mobility: The Critical Role of Community Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions in Preparing Students for Success", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "LIFT America: Modernizing Our Infrastructure for the Future", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Testimony of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System, Part II", 8:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Searching for Solutions in Syria: The Trump Administration's Strategy", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2615, the "United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act"; H.R. 2744, the "USAID Branding Modernization Act"; H.R. 598, the "Georgia Support Act"; H.R. 2140, the "Preventing Child Marriage Act"; H.R. 2023, the "Protect European Energy Security Act"; H.R. 2046, the "Energy Diplomacy Act"; H. Res. 129, condemning the Government of Saudi Arabia's continued detention and alleged abuse of women's rights activists; H. Res. 372, expressing concern for the United States-Turkey alliance; H. Res. 345, recognizing widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security", 9:30 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2820, the "Dream Act of 2019"; H.R. 2821, the "American Promise Act of 2019"; H.R. 549, the "Venezuela TPS Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R.

182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; H.R. 307, the “Preserving America’s Battlefields Act”; H.R. 473, to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1088, the “FIRST Act”; H.R. 1130, the “Fort Pillow National Battlefield Park Study Act”; H.R. 1179, the “African-American Burial Grounds Network Act”; H.R. 1248, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Act of 2019”; H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; H.R. 1487, the “Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act”; H.R. 1727, the “Complete America’s Great Trails Act”; H.R. 2369, the “Long Island Aviation History Act”; H.R. 2427, the “Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 2525, to establish the Steel Valley National Heritage Area in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Responding to the Global Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Facial Recognition Technology (Part 1): Its Impact on our Civil Rights and Liberties”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Examining For-Profit College Oversight and Student Debt”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security Hearing, hearing entitled “Securing U.S. Election Infrastructure and Protecting Political Discourse”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Immigration and the Small Business Workforce”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Policies, Recommendations, and Impacts of the President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Disaster Preparedness: DRRRA Implementation and FEMA Readiness”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, joint hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Caring for our Heroes”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Improving the Department of Veterans Affairs Effectiveness: Responding to Recommendations from Oversight Agencies”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Enforcement in the New NAFTA”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Committee Vote on Enforcement Action regarding the Subpoena Issued by the Committee to the Attorney General on May 8, 2019, for Foreign Intelligence, Counterintelligence and Other Information Related to the Special Counsel’s Investigation, 9:30 a.m., HVC–304. This meeting is closed.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic impacts of the 2020 Census and business uses of Federal data, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.